



# Creative Communities

## FY19 Grant program

### Phase 1 Guidelines Summary

*This program is supported with  
funding from the National Endowment for the Arts*



Arts Board staff is available to provide grant proposal assistance throughout the year.  
Call (608) 266-0190 or email [artsboard@wisconsin.gov](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov).

**Purpose:**

The Creative Communities grants program encourages arts education and community arts development in Wisconsin. It provides support for projects that are done *with* the community rather than just *for* the community, and that further the Arts Board's goals in the following three areas:

- \* Arts Education
- \* Folk and Traditional Arts
- \* Local Arts

Applicants are welcome to submit one proposal to one of these three categories per year. Grant guidelines for Creative Communities Program Phase 1 and Phase 2 are available on the [Creative Communities grant program webpage](#). (Note: Recipients of Creative Communities grants may not apply for a WI Arts Board Creation and Presentation program grant.)

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must:

1. have been doing mission-related work for three years prior to application, and
2. either hold tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or be part of a larger nonprofit institution or a unit of state or local government including public schools and universities. If neither, applicants may apply using a separate nonprofit organization as a fiscal receiver.

**Timeline:**

\* Thursday, **January 25, 2018** – Q&A phone session for applicants. Find details on the [Creative Communities webpage](#).

\* Friday, **January 26, 2018** – Applicants that have not previously applied to WAB's Creative Communities program notify the Arts Board of their intent to apply. Notification should be in the form of an email to [artsboard@wisconsin.gov](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov).

\* Thursday, **February 1, 2018 by 3:00 pm** – Electronic submission deadline for Phase 1 applications

\* Monday, **February 19, 2018** – Eligible applicants are invited to submit a Phase 2 application

\* Wednesday, **February 28, 2018** – Q&A phone session for Phase 2 applicants.

\* Wednesday, **March 21, 2018 by 3:00 pm** – Deadline for **Phase 2 electronic (eGRANT) application and mailed materials**.

*Note:* Funds will be available for activities occurring between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. However, depending on State Legislative and Administrative action, grant checks may not arrive until late fall.

**Grant Amounts:**

Grants will range from a minimum of \$1,500 to a maximum of \$6,000.

A 1:1 match, half of which must be cash, is required from the applicant for these funds.

(The amount of the grant request cannot be more than half the overall budget of the project.)

**To Apply:**

Complete the Phase 1 application form and submit it electronically by Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 3:00 pm to the Wisconsin Arts Board. Late Phase 1 applications will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit the application by the deadline day and time.

**Phase 1 Evaluation Criteria:**

- 1) Project aligns with the purpose of the Creative Communities program and the goals for the relevant component.
- 2) Project's artistic merit and/or educational/cultural value is strong.
- 3) Level of community participation and accessibility is high.
- 4) An extra point will be awarded to projects that are especially creative/innovative.